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Oct. 24 Neuhauser Update

Good afternoon everyone,

Here is an update on my communications regarding Neuhauser:

Weld County: I have notified Ben Frissell, the Environmental Health Specialist assigned to the Erie site for the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment, of the upcoming drum removal. He was well aware of the site and has agreed to send any comments or questions on to CDPHE. He also notified the PIO for his organization and gave her my contact information.

Erie: I have also been in contact with the Communications & Marketing specialist for the Town of Erie, Katie Hansen, who is interfacing with the Town Administrator, A.J. Krieger. A.J. would like some sort of open house available for residents. The lack of timeline makes hosting a public meeting of this sort challenging, and I communicated that to the Town of Erie. We will be discussing this further as we get more details. It will be a challenge getting all involved parties in the same room on such short notice as we cannot set a date now. Katie and I agree that if we were to hold a public meeting it should be done after we send out the information to nearby residents, should be an open house format and should be held in the meeting area of the Vista Ridge neighborhood. Erie will also use town phone and email lists to disseminate information about the site once we are ready to notify residents.

Property Owner: This morning Joyce and I were on a call with the property owner, Richard Dean, and Brady McShane of GreenbergTraurig. Richard has hired GreenbergTraurig to provide legal advice on political, regulatory and environmental issues and Brady was invited to the call because his organization wants input on messaging. I updated them on Erie's enthusiasm over contacting residents in the surrounding neighborhoods and the town's desire for an open house. While the property owner is hoping to avoid a public meeting, he said he would support it if that is what Erie requires. His main concerns were 1) separating the current action from the hot topic of fracking in the area and 2) framing the removal as helping Erie, not casting the property owner in a "bad light". He did not have information on when a work plan might be submitted. I sent the property owner sample FAQ questions so he could work with the contractors performing the work to develop specific answers. I also advised the property owner to coordinate trucking requirements with Erie.

Next Steps:

- 1) Please let me know who from your organization should be present in the event of an open house, keeping in mind this may be scheduled at the last minute.
- 2) I will continue dialogue with Erie as we learn new information, especially regarding the timeline.
- 3) The website has been created: www.colorado.gov/cdphe/neuhauser-landfill. It is not live yet, but once we have information to post that will be the URL to direct people to.
- 4) I will work on FAQ answers with the property owners and will send drafts around as we complete them. We are stuck on certain fact sheet and FAQ answers until we receive the work plan and maps from the environmental consultant at the site.

Thanks, Kelly

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